

PROCLAMATION

The first Thanksgiving Day was conceived in the hearts of the Pilgrim Fathers as a day upon which to give thanks to God for all their blessings and as a day of rejoicing because of the gathering of the first fruits of their labors.

We of South Dakota have come to know something of the problems of this faithful band of pioneers who fearlessly faced the hardships of the unknown that they might attain the freedom they desired. A number of their small band had died from cold and hardship, but the indomitable courage of the remaining number did not waver as they wrung a living from the new land they had chosen as their home. In the peace of the Indian summer they realized that hardwon achievements are good, and set aside a day to offer thanks to their Lord for their blessings. We too have faced the unknown, and our problem was the more difficult because we had not expected to be confronted with a struggle for bare existence. The courage of our people has been just as indomitable as that of the early New England pioneers, but while they had only their own small group upon which to depend in working out problems of the common good, we have had the assistance and cooperation of the democratic government which is the outgrowth of the hopes and ideals of the Pilgrim Fathers.

As we face the future with a new hope, let us pause on November 23, and like our forbears spend a day of quiet Thanksgiving to God for the blessings which have come to us out of chaos and despair.

Therefore, I, Tom Berry, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

as a day of PUBLIC THANKS AND PRAYER TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER for the blessings he has bestowed upon us.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, IN THE CITY OF SIOUX, THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1934.

TOM BERRY, GOVERNOR

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